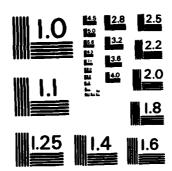


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SUMMARY

In 1965—1966, the Service Bureau Corporation, Houston, Texas, programmed the IAPG (Item Analysis Program, General) methodology that had been defined at the 6570th Personnel Research Laboratory, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. IAPG consists of seven item analysis computer programs that use the responses to items for which the correctness or incorrectness of a particular alternative is not the same for all respondents. IAPG has undergone many changes since its inception. This report brings the user up-to-date concerning the card and/or file input and printed and/or file output capabilities of IAPG.

The IAPG statistical/mathematical methodology is supported by the computational formulas shown in Appendix A. The description of the control and data cards, input/output file layouts, samples of the printed output and diagnostic messages are shown in Appendixes B to E, respectively. IAPG is a versatile program; however, it can be time consuming as shown in Appendix F. As the number of cases and/or items becomes large, the computer time required could become a limiting factor.

PREFACE

The research was completed under Project 6323, Personnel Data Analyses; Task 632305, Development of Analytic Methodology for Air Force Personnel Research Data. Dr. Raymond E. Christal was the individual primarily responsible for the development of the IAPG methodology and its implementation on the AFHRL IBM 7040 computer system. Dr. Robert A. Bottenberg is due special acknowledgement for conscientiously working with Dr. Christal on the project and providing numerous helpful suggestions. It is also appropriate to acknowledge Mr. Curtis C. Arnold of the Service Bureau Corporation for his work as the contract project leader.

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L INTRODUCTION

Item analysis programs are commonly used to determine the psychometric characteristics of test items in order to develop valid measuring instruments. In the case of aptitude or ability type tests, each item has a correct alternative; however, in biographical, interest, or opinion type questionnaires, no correct response is designated. Item Analysis Program, General (IAPG), which is a series of seven item analysis computer programs referred to in this report as IAPG 1 to 7, was developed specifically for use with measurement devices containing items for which the correctness or incorrectness of an alternative is not the same for all respondents.

In 1965, the Service Bureau Corporation was tasked under government contract to develop a computer program conforming to the IAPG methodology which was originally formulated at the Air Force Human Resources Laboratory (AFHRL). In 1966, follow-on research was completed by the Service Bureau Corporation and the IAPG programs were implemented on the IBM 7040 computer system at AFHRL (Service Bureau Corporation, 1966).

Since that time, IAPG has undergone several modifications. The purpose of this report is to acquaint the potential user with the capabilties of IAPG which has been updated for use on the UNIVAC 1108 computer system. Technical details are discussed that enable the user to take complete advantage of the analytical capabilities of IAPG. This information includes computational formulas, control and data card descriptions, file layouts, printed output samples, diagnostic messages, and run time examples.

The IAPG computer programs are constructed so that IAPG 1 to 4 and IAPG 5 to 7 can be run without interruption; however, the user may run any subset of either group of programs as long as the input requirements for each program are satisfied. The data set of responses, which is normally divided into three subsamples, can contain a maximum of five criteria.

The maximum number of alternatives allowed per item is six, with values ranging from one to six inclusive. A response for a k-alternative item, where the value of k may vary from item to item, is a set of k elements where a value of plus one is assigned to the selected alternative and a value of zero is assigned to every other alternative. No more than one alternative can be selected for each item. If the number of alternatives for each item is less than six, an above-range response (the alternative selected has a value greater than six) and/or omit response (no alternative was selected) can be considered as an additional alternative.

In the following sections, each of the programs is discussed in detail. The appendixes provide information concerning the various statistical computations and computer program specifics. The IAPG statistical/mathematical methodology is supported by the computational formulas provided in Appendix A. The description of the control and data cards, input/output file layouts, samples of the printed output and diagnostic messages are shown in Appendixes B to E, respectively. IAPG is a versatile program: however, it can be time consuming as shown in Appendix F.

II. METHODOLOGY AND ASSOCIATED INPUT/OUTPUT

IAPG 1

IAPG 1 accepts data in the form specified in Appendix B and produces the following results for each subsample:

- 1. Data Information Roster This is printed output as shown in Appendix D containing the total number of cases, number of cases not eliminated, number of eliminated cases, number of cases with no omitted responses, number of cases with at least one omitted response, total number of omitted responses for all cases, and total number of undefined criteria for all cases. (If a case is deleted, an error message is printed giving the reason for the deletion. These error messages are shown in Appendix E.)
- 2.Response Proportions for Item Alternatives Roster This is printed output for each item as shown in Appendix D and contains the item identification number, proportion of c mitted responses, proportion of responses not omitted, and proportion of cases responding to each alternative. (The analyst can examine this table to locate items that have been omitted too frequently or that have alternatives associated with very high and/or low selection frequencies. An item can be deleted in IAPG 2.)
- 3. Case Omit Information Roster This is printed output as shown in Appendix D and contains the case identification number, number of omitted items for each case, and identification numbers of omitted items. (The analyst can examine this table to locate cases with large numbers of omissions.)
- 4.Preliminary Response Data File (PRDF) This is a file containing the information shown in Appendix C. (The word "file" refers to either a magnetic tape or a UNIVAC 1108 FASTRAN mass storage file.)

IAPG 2

- IAPG 2 accepts the item elimination and case omission information specified in Appendix B and the Preliminary Response Data File developed in IAPG 1 as input. It produces the following results for each subsample. (If the option to consider above-range and/or omitted responses as valid response alternatives is selected, the set of response alternatives is augmented by one: however, the augmented set must contain less than seven response alternatives.)
- 1. Item Summary Information Roster This is printed output as shown in Appendix D and contains the number of cases not eliminated, number of items not eliminated, total number of omitted responses for all cases, number of criteria, criterion identification number, criterion mean, criterion standard deviation, number of criterion values, and the correlations between the alternatives of each item. The mean, standard deviation, point-biserial and biserial correlation coefficients, and .01 and .05 significance keys are printed for each item alternative. (The term ".01 and .05 significance keys" is defined in Appendix A.)
- 2. Item Summary Information File (ISIF) This is a file containing the information shown in Appendix C.
- 3. Final Response Data File (FRDF) This is a file containing the information shown in Appendix C.

IAPG 3

IAPG 3 accepts the control card information specified in Appendix B and the Item Summary Information File developed in IAPG 2 as input and produces the following results for each subsample.

- 1. Item Key File (IKF) This is a file containing the information shown in Appendix C.
- 2. Roster of Significance Keys and Validities This is printed output for each criterion/significance level (.01 and .05) combination as shown in Appendix D. It contains the item identification number (including identification numbers for dummy items), sequential item count, significance key for each item alternative, item validity, number of items (excluding dummy items) containing at least one nonzero alternative significance key, and number of dummy items.

For each item significance key (which is the composite of the item alternative significance keys) containing only two of the three possible values (+1, -1, 0), dummy items are created in the following manner: (a) if the item significance key is comprised of +1 and 0 values, the dummy item significance key is identical except that -1 is substituted for each 0; (b) if the item significance key is comprised of -1 and 0 values, the dummy item significance key is identical except that +1 is substituted for each 0 and (c) if the item significance key is comprised of +1 and -1 values, the dummy item significance key is identical except that 0 is substituted for each -1. The dummy item identification number is the original item identification number suffixed by the letter "A." A dummy item has the same item validity as the original item. Each dummy item that is formed yields an additional item key that may be used in the item composite buildup in IAPG 6.

- 3. Roster of Pattern Keys and Validities This is printed output for each criterion as shown in Appendix D. It contains the item identification number, keying patterns yielding the five highest item validities, item validities corresponding to those keying patterns, and number of dummy items.
 - a. Each element of a keving pattern must assume one of the following three values: + 1, -1, or 0.
 - b. Dummy item keys are created only for the keying pattern yielding the highest item validity.
- c. If the item validity for a keying pattern is negative, the signs of all of the elements of the keying pattern are reversed to yield a positive item validity of the same magnitude.
- d. A method for generating unique keying patterns is given by Bottenberg and Christal (1964); therefore, item validities do not have to be calculated for all of the 3^k ways in which a k-alternative item can be keyed.
- 4. Roster of Least Squares Weights and Validities That is printed output for each criterion as shown in Appendix D. It contains the item identification number, multiple correlation coefficient (item validity), significance of the item validity at the .05 level, least squares weight for each item alternative, and number of items with significant item validities. (Any combination of the three types of keying options may be run.)

IAPG 4

The input to IAPG 4 is the control card information specified in Appendix B and the Item Summary Information File and Item Key File developed in IAPG 2 and IAPG 3, respectively.

IAPG 4 calculates item validities by using the item keys from one subsample and the item alternative standard deviations, item alternative point-biserial correlation coefficients and correlations between the alternatives of each item from a different subsample. The Item Key File and Item Summary Information File may contain information on two different criteria. Dummy items are not used in the cross-validation calculations because the resulting information would be the same as for the original items. Any item existing in one but not in the other subsample involved in the cross validation is not considered. The Roster of Unmatching Items is printed output which contains the items that are not defined in both the Item Key File and the Item Summary Information File for each pair of subsamples involved in a cross validation.

For three subsamples, IAPG 4 produces a Roster of Item Keys, Validities, and Cross Validities as shown in Appendix D for each of the following subsample combinations: (a) the Item Key File for subsample 1 and the Item Summary Information Files for subsamples 2 and 3, (b) the Item Key File for subsample 2 and the Item Summary Information Files for subsamples 1 and 3, and (c) the Item Key File for subsample 3 and the Item Summary Information Files for subsamples 1 and 2; therefore, six rosters are printed for each criterion/keying option combination. Each Roster of Item Keys, Validities, and Cross Validities contains the identification number, cross validity, validity, difference between the cross validity and validity, and key for each item.

IAPG 5

The input to IAPG 5 is the control card information specified in Appendix B and the Final Response Data File and Item Key File developed in IAPG 2 and 3, respectively. For three subsamples and a single criterion/keying option combination, IAPG 5 produces the Roster of Item Changes/Deletions and Keyed Item Response File Counts and a Keyed Item Response File (KIRF) for each of the following subsample combinations: (a) the Item Key File for subsample 1 and the Final Response Data Files for subsamples 1, 2, and 3, (b) the Item Key File for subsample 2 and the Final Response Data Files for subsamples 1, 2, and 3, and (c) the Item Key File for subsample 3 and the Final Response Data Files for subsamples 1, 2, and 3. As an option on the Main Control Card, the user may request that Keyed Item Response Files be produced from only the Item Key Files and Final Response Data Files of interest.

The Roster of Item Changes/Deletions and Keyed Item Response File Counts is printed output as shown in Appendix D containing the Keyed Item Response File identification number, the subsample identification numbers for the Item Key File and Final Response Data File, the reason a particular subset of items was eliminated, and the identification numbers and total number of items in the associated subset. For each item key change specified by the user, it also lists the item identification number and new item key.

- 1. An item is eliminated in IAPG 5 if it has an all zero key, or if it is not defined in both the Final Response Data File and the Item Key File for a particular subsample combination.
- 2. The options available to the user are changing item keys (applies only to original items) and eliminating any subset of the original items. For each item that is eliminated or has its key changed, the associated dummy item will be deleted.

The Keyed Item Response File is a file containing the information shown in Appendix C. The maximum direct access file size, which is used in IAPG 6, is printed. If IAPG 5 to 7 are run consecutively without interruption, this value is automatically passed to IAPG 6; however, if IAPG 5 and 6 are run separately, the value must be present on the Main Control Card.

IAPG 6

The input to IAPG 6 is the control card information specified in Appendix B and the Keyed Item Response Files developed in IAPG 5. IAPG 6 produces unit weighted item composites by selecting items that yield the largest increase, or minimum decrease if none of the available items yield an increase, in composite validity for each iteration of the composite buildup. After each iteration, one additional item with a weight of plus or minus one is included in the composite: however, the user may select an option on the Main Control Card that will allow only positive unit weights to be used in the composite buildup. The item having the largest item validity is selected on the first iteration. Items are not available for selection if they have negative item validities. If an original item becomes an element of the composite, then the dummy item associated with it is not eligible to become an element of the same composite; likewise, if a dummy item becomes an element of the same composite, then the original item associated with it is not eligible to become an element of the same composite. When an item becomes an element of the composite, it is permanently removed from the pool of available items for that composite. IAPG 6 produces the following results:

- 1. Item Selection Sequence Roster This is printed output as shown in Appendix D containing the iteration number, identification number, and sign (blank indicates plus) of the item selected, composite validity, mean, and standard deviation, item validity, criterion mean and standard deviation, number of iterations, iteration number corresponding to the largest composite validity, number of items defined in the Keyed Item Response File, number of original items with negative validity, number of dummy items with positive validity, number of dummy items with negative validity, and number of items that may be used in the generation of the composite. If the composite validity decreases for at least one iteration, then the printed output also contains the iteration number corresponding to the first decrease in composite validity and the number of iterations in which the composite validity decreased.
- 2. Item Selection Sequence File This is a file containing the information shown in Appendix C.

IAPG 7

The input to IAPG 7 is the control card information specified in Appendix B, the Keyed Item Response File (generated from the subsample i Item Key File and the subsample j Final Response Data File) developed in IAPG 5, and the Item Selection Sequence File (generated by the Keyed Item Response File for the subsample i Item Key File and the subsample k Final Response Data File) developed in IAPG 6, IAPG 7 generates an item composite for the Keyed Item Response File; however, the item composite must be identical to the one in the Item Selection Sequence File.

For three subsamples, IAPG 7 can generate two item composites (one for each Keyed Item Response File generated from the Item Key File for subsample i and the Final Response Data File for subsample $j \equiv k$) for each item composite defined in an Item Selection Sequence File. IAPG 7 produces the Roster of Item Selection Cross Validation as shown in Appendix D which contains the sequential item count, identification number and sign (blank indicates plus) of the item added, item validity from the Item Selection Sequence File, item validity from the Keyed Item Response File, number of cases in the Keyed Item Response File, the criterion mean and standard deviation, and the validity of the composite produced in IAPG 6. It also contains the mean, standard deviation, and validity of the composite produced in IAPG 7.

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APPENDIX A: COMPUTATIONAL FORMULAS

IAPG 1

Definitions of symbols

N = total number of cases (individuals)

 X_{ijk} = the response of the k^{th} individual to the j^{th} alternative of the i^{th} item (response = 1 if alternative selected, 0 otherwise)

Formulas

PCR_{ii} = the proportion of cases responding to the jth alternative of the ith item

$$= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N} X_{ijk}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} X_{ijk}}$$

IAPG 2

Definitions of symbols

N_c = number of cases with values for the cth criterion

 Y_{ck} = the c^{th} criterion value for the k^{th} individual

 N_{ij} = the number of cases with values for the cth criterion responding to the jth alternative of the ith item

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{N_c} X_{ijk}$$

 X_{iik} = the response of the k^{th} individual to the j^{th} alternative of the i^{th} item

Formulas

 \overline{X}_{ij} = the mean of the jth alternative of item i

$$= \frac{N_{ij}}{N_{c}}$$

SD_{ij} = standard deviation of the jth alternative of item i

$$= \sqrt{\overline{X}_{ij} (1 - \overline{X}_{ij})}$$

 \overline{Y}_c = the cth criterion mean

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} Y_{ck}}{N}$$

SD_c = standard deviation of the cth criterion

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\substack{\Sigma \\ \Sigma}}^{N_c} Y_{ck}^2}{N_c} - \overline{Y}_c^2}$$

i^rab = the correlation between alternatives a and b of item i

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{\overline{X}_{ia}\overline{X}_{ib}}{(1-\overline{X}_{ia})(1-\overline{X}_{ib})}}$$

PB_{ijc} = the point-biserial correlation between criterion c and the jth alternative of item i

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} X_{ijk} Y_{ck} - N_c \overline{X}_{ij} \overline{Y}_c}{N_c SD_c SD_{ij}}$$

PB_{ijc} is significant at the .05 (or .01) level if

$$\frac{PB_{ijc} \sqrt{N_c-2}}{\sqrt{1-PB_{ijc}^2}} \geqslant \begin{cases}
5\% \text{ (or 1\%) level of the distribution of t with} \\
N_c-2 \text{ degrees of freedom.}
\end{cases}$$

The value of the .05 (or .01) significance key is: + 1 if the point-biserial coefficient of correlation is positive and significant at the .05 (or .01) level, -1 if the point-biserial coefficient of correlation is negative and significant at the .05 (or .01) level, and 0 if the point-biserial coefficient of correlation is not significant.

 B_{iic} = the biserial correlation between criterion c and the jth alternative of item i

$$\frac{PB_{ijc} SD_{ij}}{Z}$$

Where Z = the ordinate of the unit normal distribution curve at the point of division between segments containing p and q (\overline{X}_{ij}) and (\overline{X}_{ij}) proportions of the cases. Z may be computed (Hastings, 1955) as follows:

$$if \overline{X}_{ij} \leq .5 \text{ set } Q = \overline{X}_{ij} \text{ and } SWT = 1$$

$$if \overline{X}_{ij} > .5 \text{ set } Q = 1 - \overline{X}_{ij} \text{ and } SWT = -1$$
then $W = \sqrt{\log_e (1/Q^2)}$

$$T = SWT \left(W - \frac{2.515517 + .802853W + .010328W^{2}}{1 + 1.432788W + .189269W^{2} + .001308W^{3}}\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{e^{-(1/2)T}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

IAPG 3

Definitions of symbols

 $Wt_{ij} = the key (weight) of the jth alternative of the ith item$

PB_{ijc} = the point-biserial correlation between the jth alternative of the ith item and criterion c

SD_{ij} = the standard deviation of the jth alternative of the ith item

NALT_i = number of alternatives for the ith item

i^rab = the correlation between alternatives a and b of item i

 N_{ij} = the number of cases with values for the c^{th} criterion responding to the j^{th} alternative of the i^{th} item

Formulas

Significance and pattern keys

ric = item validity, correlation between criterion c and item i

$$\frac{\text{SUMCCV}_{i}}{\sqrt{\text{CSDSQ}_{i}}}$$

where:

$$\begin{split} \text{SUMCCV}_i &= \sum_{j=1}^{\text{NALT}_i} \quad \text{W} \iota_{ij} \, \text{PB}_{ijc} \, \text{SD}_{ij} \\ \\ \text{CSDSQ}_i &= \sum_{j=1}^{\text{NALT}_i} \quad | \, \text{W} \iota_{ij} \, | \quad \text{SD}_{ij}^2 \\ \\ &+ 2 \sum_{a=1}^{\text{NALT}_{i^{-1}}} \quad \sum_{b-a+1}^{\text{NALT}_i} \quad {}_{i^rab} \, \text{W} \iota_{ia} \, \text{W} \iota_{ib} \, \text{SD}_{ia} \, \text{SD}_{ib} \end{split}$$

Least squares weights

WEIGHT_{ii} = the weight for the jth alternative of the ith item

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} X_{ijk} Y_{ck}}{N_{ij}}$$

r_{ic} = item validity, multiple correlation between criterion c and the alternatives of item i

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{NALT_i} N_{ij} WEIGHT_{ij}^2 - N_c \overline{Y}_c^2}{N_c SD_c^2}}$$

 r_{ic} is significant at the .05 level if

$$\frac{r_{ic}^{2} (N_{c}-NALT_{i})}{(NALT_{i})(1-r_{ic}^{2})} = \begin{cases} 5\% \text{ level of the distribution of F with NALT}_{i} \text{ and } N_{c}^{-} \\ NALT_{i} \text{ degrees of freedom.} \end{cases}$$

IAPG 4

Formulas

r_{ic} = cross validity, the correlation between item i and criterion c. The formula for r_{ic} is identical to the formula in IAPC 3 for the item validity resulting from the use of significance and pattern keys.

IAPG 5

Definitions of symbols

 N_c = the number of cases with valid values for the c^{th} criterion

 Y_{ck} = the value of the cth criterion for the kth individual

 \overline{Y}_c = the mean of the c^{th} criterion

Sik = the score (weighted response) of the ith item for the kth individual. It is the element of the item key corresponding to the alternative that was selected as the response to the item.

 $SD_c = standard deviation of the cth criterion$

Formulas

 $\overline{S_i}$ = the mean of the scores of the ith item

$$= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} S_{ik}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} S_{ik}}$$

SD; = the standard deviation of item i

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} S_{ik}^2}{N_c} - \overline{S}_i^2}$$

r_{ic} = the correlation between criterion c and item i

$$= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} S_{ik} Y_{ck} - N_c \overline{S}_i \overline{Y}_c}{N_c SD_i SD_c}$$

IAPG 6

Definitions of symbols

N_c = the number of cases with values for the cth criterion

 \mathbf{W}_{k} = unit weight used when the k^{th} item enters the composite (Note: \mathbf{W} is + 1 or -1; therefore, $\mathbf{W}_{k}^{2} = 1$)

 \overline{S}_{k} = the mean of item k

 S_{kn} = the score of the k^{th} item: for the n^{th} individual

 SD_k = the standard deviation of item k

L = the number of items in the composite

r_{kc} = correlation between item k and criterion c

Formulas

AMEAN = the mean of a composite containing L items

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{L} W_{k} \overline{S}_{k}$$

SD_{co} = the standard deviation of a composite containing L items

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{L} SD_k^2 + 2\sum_{k=1}^{L-1} \sum_{m=k+1}^{L} \left(\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N_c} S_{kn} S_{mn}}{N_c} - \overline{S_k} \overline{S_m}\right)} \quad \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{W}_m$$

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{L} W_k r_{kc} SD_k}{SD_{co}}$$

IAPG 7

Definitions of symbols

L = number of items in the composite

 W_k = the unit weight (+ 1 or -1) used to add the k^{th} item to the composite.

 S_{kn} = the n^{th} individual's score for the k^{th} item.

 \overline{Y}_c = the mean of the c^{th} criterion

SD_c = the standard deviation of the cth criterion

 N_c = the number of cases with values for the cth criterion

AMEAN = the mean of a composite containing L items

SIGMA = the standard deviation of a composite containing L items

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\Sigma}^{N_c} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{L} W_k S_{kn} \right)^2}{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} - AMEAN^2}}$$

CVALID = the composite validity, the correlation between the criterion and a composite containing L items

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N_c} \left(Y_{cn} \sum_{k=1}^{L} W_k S_{kn} \right)}{N_c} - (AMEAN) \overline{(Y_c)}$$

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APPENDIX B: DESCRIPTION OF CONTROL AND DATA CARDS

Package 1 (1APG 1 to 4) Cards: There are eight types of control/data cards involved in IAPG 1 to 4. Five are required and three are optional. The order in which they are described is the order in which they must appear if needed.

NOTE 1: Blanks and zeroes are interchangeable unless stated otherwise.

NOTE 2: All numerical entries should be right justified unless stated otherwise.

Main Control Card, required

ec	Description	Program Used
1-6	Card Identification must be "CONTRL"	
7	l if program 1 to be run, blank otherwise	
8	2 if program 2 to be run, blank otherwise	
9	3 if program 3 to be run, blank otherwise	
10	4 if program 4 to be run, blank otherwise	
11	Number of subsamples (if blank, assumes 3)	
12	0 if omits and above-range invalid (above-range	IAPG 1
	recoded to omit and case eliminated in IAPG 2)	
	l if omits valid, above-range invalid (case	
	eliminated immediately after detection in IAPG 1)	
	2 if omits and above-range valid (above-range recoded to omit)	
13	l if user desires to eliminate any items, blank otherwise	1APG 2
14	1 if .01 and .05 keys wanted, blank otherwise	IAPG 3
15	2 if pattern keys wanted, blank otherwise	IAPG 3
16	3 if least squares weights wanted, blank otherwise	IAPG 3
17-21	Criteria wanted (in sequence, left justified in	IAPG 3
	field), blank otherwise (assumes 1,2,3,4,5)	
23	l if .01 keys to be cross validated, blank otherwise	IAPG 4
24	2 if pattern keys to be cross validated, blank otherwise	IAPG 4
25	3 if least squares weights to be cross validated, blank otherwise	IAPG 4
26	4 if .05 keys to be cross validated, blank otherwise	IAPG 4
27	An entry in this column indicates that criterion 1	IAPG 4
	of the ISIF is to be cross validated with an IKF criterion.	
	The value of the entry is the ID of the IKF criterion.	
28	Similar to column 27, but criterion 2	IAPG 4
29	Similar to column 27, but criterion 3	IAPG 4
30	Similar to column 27, but criterion 4	IAPG 4
31	Similar to column 27, but criterion 5	IAPG 4
32-35	"NOGO" option, if the letters "NOGO" are here, the program will	
	analyze the control cards and print a description of the parameters and	
	operations to be performed. If IAPG 1 is included in the "NOGO" test,	
	control cards for each subsample will be scanned. Data cards must not be	
	present when using this option.	
36	l if checkpoint requested every hour (wall clock), blank otherwise	

Title Card(s), required

The first title card will appear at the top of every page of output. As many cards as desired may be used for title purposes. Subsequent title cards will appear only on the first page of output. Card column 1 must contain standard FORTRAN control characters (printer line control) and columns 2 to 79 will be printed exactly as punched.

End Title Card, required

A card containing "END TITLE" starting in col 2 must follow the title card(s).

Data Control Cards, required for each subsample

	Description						
1-6	"CNTRL1" (card identification)						
10-11	Card number (01, 02, etc.)						
	For Card 01 (Subsample Parameters)						
12	Input unit for data, 5 = cards, 3 = tape or mass storage (FORTRAN or COBOL formatted files). If data are on a COBOL file, see columns 29 to 32.						
13-16	Number of items per case (The input to IAPG 1 can consist of a maximum of 950 items per case — see Appendix F for computer run time considerations)						
17	Number of criteria						
18-23	Maximum number of cases allowed to be eliminated. Run terminates if exceeded.						
24-28	Identification numbers of criteris to be used (left justified in field)						
29-32	Block size if COBOL file (max =2500). LRL of file must be 14, i.e., card images.						
	For Cards 02 and on (Maximum Response Values)						
12-72	Maximum responses for items in the sequence in which they occur. (61 one-digit fields). Number of cards needed determined by number of items per case. Card 02 contains maximum responses for items 1 through 61 and card 03 starts with item 62.						

Data Cards, optional, data could be on tape

If the data is on tape, it will be as card images with the same layout as the data cards. If cards are requested, they will be placed immediately following the appropriate data control cards.

NOTE: The input to IAPG 1 can consist of a maximum of 9,999 cases per subsample. See Appendix F for computer run time considerations.

1-9	Case identification
10-11	Card number
	For Card 01 (Criterion Card)
12-23	Value of criterion 1 in F12.8 format (must have either explicit decimal point or understood decimal point between the 4th and 5th positions from the left of the field)
24-35	Value of criterion 2
36-47	Value of criterion 3
48-59	Value of criterion 4
60-71	Value of criterion 5

NOTE: An omitted criterion must be indicated by a blank.

For Cards 02 and on (Response Card)
Item responses in sequence, 61 per card

NOTE 1:

12-72

An omitted response is indicated by a blank.

NOTE 2: End of subsample is indicated by a data card with 9s filling the case ID field. This card is required.

hem Elimination Cards, optional, used in IAPG 2 to eliminate items

The cards contain identification numbers of items to be eliminated (right justified in three-character fields, 24 items per card). Read stops upon encountering a blank field. If the number of items to be eliminated is a multiple of 24, there must be a blank card following to stop the read.

NOTE: The item elimination cards for subsample 1 are first, subsample 2, second and subsample 3, third. If items are not to be eliminated from a subsample and the item elimination code on the Main Control Card is 1, then a blank card must be supplied for that subsample.

Package 2 (IAPG 5 to 7) cards: This package has three required types of cards and two optional types. They are described in the order that they are used.

Description

Main Control Card, required

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1-6	"CONTRL" (card ID)
37-40	"NOGO" only for control card test
41	5 if IAPG 5 to be run, blank otherwise
42	6 if IAPG 6 to be run, blank otherwise
43	7 if IAPG 7 to be run, blank otherwise
44	l if .01 keys to be used
	2 if pattern keys to be used
	3 if least squares weights to be used
	5 if .05 keys to be used

NOTE: Serious consideration should be given before using least squares weights in IAPG 5 to 7 due to the possibility of multiple-file, multiple-reel problems.

- 45 Criterion ID
- 46 l if user will eliminate items, blank otherwise
- 47 l if user will change keys, blank otherwise
- 48 Stop option

If blank, assumes option 1

- l causes stop after item pool exhausted or 200 items are in the composite
- 2 causes stop after X (col 51 to 53) items are in the composite
- 3 causes stop on Xth (col 51 to 53) iteration after the first decrease in the composite validity
- 4 causes stop if no change in the Xth (col 51 to 53) decimal place of the composite validity or on the first decrease
- 5 causes stop after the first decrease in composite validity after X (col 51 to 53) items have entered
- Options 2 thru 5 will also stop on fulfillment of Option 1.
- Total number of subsamples in FRDF (if blank, assumes 3)
- Total number of subsamples in IKF (if blank, it is set equal to col 49)
- 51-53 Associated with stop option (col 48)
- 54-56 Subsample sequence for IKF (assumes 1,2,3)
- 59-61 Subsample sequence for FRDF (assumes 1,2,3)
- l if only positive unit weighting requested for composite buildup, blank otherwise
- l if checkpoint requested every hour (wall clock), blank otherwise
- MAXREC Maximum number of records to be written on the direct access file in IAPG 6.
 The field may be blank if IAPG 5 and 6 are run together. If IAPG 6 is run separately from IAPG 5, the value read here should be the number appearing in the last message printed by IAPG 5 "DIRECT ACCESS FILE SIZE =XXXXXX".

Title Card(s), required

The same as in package one.

End Title Card, required

The same as in package one.

Key Change Cards, optional

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1-4	ID of item that is to have its key changed
5-16	New key for alternative 1 (assumes F12.8 format)
17-28	New key for alternative 2 (assumes F12.8 format)
29-40	New key for alternative 3 (assumes F12.8 format)
41-52	New key for alternative 4 (assumes F12.8 format)
53-64	New key for alternative 5 (assumes F12.8 format)
65-76	New key for alternative 6 (assumes F12.8 format)

NOTE: Read stops upon encountering a blank case ID field.

Description

hem Elimination Cards, optional

Cards contain ID numbers of items to be eliminated (right justified in four-character fields, 20 items per card for as many cards as are necessary). Read stops upon encountering a blank field. If the number of items to be eliminated is a multiple of 20, there must be a blank card following the last item elimination card to stop the read.

- NOTE: The item elimination cards for subsample 1 are first, subsample 2, second and subsample 3, third. If items are not to be eliminated from a subsample and the item elimination code on the Main Control Card is 1, a blank card must be supplied for that subsample.
- NOTE: The input to IAPG 5 can consist of a maximum of 1500 items (original and dummy); however, no more than 500 items may remain after all program and user requested eliminations.

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SMALL DATA SAMPLE FOR 1108 1851

SMALL DATA SAMPLE FOR 1108 TEST

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SMALL CATA SAMPLE FOR 1108 1201

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APPLIED TO SAMPLE 1, CRITERION I

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APPENDIX E: DIAGNOSTIC MESSAGES

- IAPG 1 to 4 Initialization Program Messages. The following messages will terminate the run:
 - A. CONTROL CARD MISSING EXECUTION TERMINATED

 The first card read by the initialization program was not the main control card.
 - B. NOGO SPECIFIED. RUN TERMINATED.

 Control cards, including data subsample control cards, are scanned, interpreted, and checked for errors. Data are not processed (in fact data cards must not be present).

II. IAPG I Messages

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- A. The following messages cause run termination:
 - ERROR CONTROL CARD MISSING
 This message occurs when cards of a data subsample control card set are missing.
 - 2. ERROR ILLEGAL VALUE FOR NUMBER OF RESPONSES FOR ITEM NUMBER XXXX

 The maximum response for an item was defined as less than 2 or greater than 5 (with a mits welld) or greater than 6 (with a mits invalid). The run
 - than 5 (with omits valid) or greater than 6 (with omits invalid). The run will terminate after checking the remaining items.

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 - END OF CURRENT SAMPLS

 4. STOP. EOF FOUND ON DATA UNIT
 End of file (or any systems card) found on data input unit while still expecting to read data.
- B. The following messages are warnings of data errors and will not, by themselves, cause data elimination:
 - 1. CRITERION NUMBER X FOR CASE 'α α α α α α α α α α ' IS UNDEFINED.
 - WARNING CARD NUMBER X OF CASE 'αααααααα' HAS
 THE WRONG CASE ID.
 An indicator of out-of-order cards. The case will be eliminated if this is
 the second such error for the case.
 - 3. ERROR THE RESPONSE FOR ITEM XXXX IN CASE 'ααααααα αα' IS X WHICH IS OUTSIDE THE RANGE (XX) FOR THIS ITEM. THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECORDED AS AN OMIT OR THE CASE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED (SEE OMIT VALID CODE). IF THE LATTER IS TRUE, A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY.

- C. The following messages are for errors which will cause a data case to be eliminated from the response data file:
 - 1. ERROR THE CRITERIA CARD FOR CASE 'αααααααα' IS MISSING.
 - ERROR ALL CRITERIA IN CASE 'α α α α α α α α α α α the UNDEFINED.
 Elimination does not occur immediately; the program will scan the response cards for errors.
 - 3. ERROR CASE 'aaaaaaa' HAS MORE THAN ONE CARD WITH THE WRONG ID.
 - 4. ERROR THE CARD FOLLOWING CARD X IN CASE 'αααααααα α' IS OUT-OF-ORDER.
- E. The following message is for warning purposes only and is connected to message II A3 above:

 WARNING THE NUMBER OF ELIMINATED CASES IN PROGRAM 1
 PLUS THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT WILL BE ELIMINATED IN PROGRAM 2, DUE TO INVALID OMITS, WILL EXCEED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF ELIMINATIONS (XXXXXX) BY XXXXXX.

III. IAPG 2 Messages

- A. CASE 'ααααααα' HAS AN INVALID OMIT ON ITEM XXXXX.

 This message appears in the appropriate subsample error roster and the specified case is eliminated.
- B. ERROR IN COMPUTATION OF T.

 Overflow error in computing the t-value associated with a known probability level and degrees of freedom (used in computing significance keys for a continuous criterion). The run terminates.

IV. IAPG 3 Message

ILLEGAL VALUE FOR MAXIMUM ALTERNATIVE

IAPG 4 Messages

The following messages will terminate the run:

- A. REQUESTED KEYING OPTION NOT IN ITEM KEY FILE
- B. REQUESTED CRITERION NOT IN ITEM KEY FILE

VI. IAPG 5 Messages

- A. The following messages will cause run termination:
 - 1. CONTROL CARD MISSING EXECUTION TERMINATED.

 The first card read by the program was not the IAPG 5 to 7 main control card.
 - 2. ***** WRONG KEYING OPTION *****

 Keying Option 4 (non-existent) was requested on the main control card.

 Run termination does not occur immediately but will occur when the program is unable to find the key on the item key file.
 - 3. NUMBER OF ITEMS IN KIRF GREATER THAN 500. RUN TERMINATED.
- B. The following message is a warning only and occurs when an item, which was requested by the user to be deleted, was already deleted.

 ITEM XXX ALREADY DELETED

VII. IAPG 6 Messages

The following messages will cause run termination:

- A. REQUESTOR WANTS OPTION X, CRITERION X, FILE READ HAS OPTION X, CRITERION X, Wrong KIRF header read.
- B. STOP. ATTEMPTED TO READ PAST END OF KIRF FILE (REEL X) IN PR6.
 - End-of-file found on KIRF unit before finding requested KIRF. Possible wrong reel mounted, etc.
- C. STOP. ATTEMPTED TO READ/WRITE PAST DISK LIMITS IN PR6. Possibility exists that the direct access file was not defined large enough to contain all of the cases and correlation records. It could be that IAPG 6 is being run separately from IAPG 5 and that MAXREC in the IAPG 5 to 7 main control card was not defined.

VIII. IAPG 7 Messages

- A. The following messages will cause run termination:
 - 1. STOP, ATTEMPTED TO READ PAST END OF KIRF FILE (REEL X) IN MAIN 7.
 - 2. WRONG KIRF Key or criterion on KIRF is in error.
- B. The following messages cause some processing to be skipped:
 - MP-SING KIRF XXXX
 The required KIRF had no items: program will skip to next KIRF.
 - 2. MISSING ISSE XXXX
 No items in KIRF, set selection sequence pattern ID to 9 and continue to
 next KIRF.

IX. IAPG 5 to 7 Table of Contents Message

NO ROSTERS, ONLY ONE KIRF.

X. Program SEARCH message

This is a file searching subroutine used by IAPG 2 to 7. The message will cause run termination.

SEARCH FORTRAN UNIT XX DEVICE ERROR CODE = XXX. RUN TERMINATED.

This indicates that the hardware device for the above FORTRAN unit was not a TAPE drive nor a FASTRAN mass storage device as expected.

APPENDIX F: RUN TIME EXAMPLES

For large problems, an IAPG computer run can be very time consuming. The wall clock times (in hours) for a problem that was run on the UNIVAC 1108 at AFHRL are as follows:

		IAPG 1-4	IAPG 5	IAPG 6-7
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The times given for IAPG-1 to 4 are for one criterion and all four keying options; however, the times given for IAPG-5 to 7 are for one criterion and only one keying option. No cases or items were eliminated during program execution.